AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the above-captioned patent application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-12 (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A raised load bearing exterior floor system for mounting upon a non-level terrace, said system including ~~that includes~~:

a plurality of spaced apart support pedestals mounted upon the terrace, said pedestals having coplanar horizontally disposed top surfaces;

a plurality of high strength load bearing grate panels, each of said grate panels containing a continuous series of perforations formed over the entirety of each said grate panel, said grate panels being mounted upon the coplanar top surfaces of said pedestals, so that each grate panel is supported at each of its corners upon one of said pedestals and each of said grate panels being in abutting relation to establish a continuous raised load bearing subfloor over said terrace, said subfloor being defined by a continuous series of perforations over the entirety thereof; and

a plurality of paving ~~blocks~~ bricks disposed onto a top surface of said perforated grate panels, said paving ~~blocks~~ bricks being arranged in an interlocking locking relationship with each other, the bottom surface of each said paving brick being set upon the top surface of said grate panels to establish an upper floor, the area between said pedestals being substantially greater than the surface area of each of said paving ~~blocks~~ bricks wherein each said paving brick of said upper floor is evenly supported by a plurality of said continuous series of perforations of at least one grate panel of said subfloor, said paving bricks being fabricated of a ~~material capable of sustaining heavy traffic without appreciable wear~~ weather impervious material and in which the plurality of paving bricks can selectively assume a plurality of interlocking configurations on top of said grate panels in establishing said upper floor based on the relative positioning of said paving bricks with one

another, the positioning of said paving bricks in an interlocking configuration forming a plurality of discontinuous seam lines, wherein at least some of said seam lines terminate at a side wall of an interlocking paving brick.

14. (Currently Amended) The exterior floor system of ~~claim~~ Claim 13 wherein said grate panels are ~~rectangular~~ rectangularly shaped.

15. (Currently Amended) The exterior floor system of ~~claim~~ Claim 13 wherein said pedestals are fabricated of a high density foam.

16. (Currently Amended) The exterior floor system of ~~claim~~ Claim 13 wherein said pedestals are fabricated of polystyrene.

17. (Currently Amended) The exterior floor system of ~~claim~~ Claim 13 that further includes a geotextile material located between the plurality of paving ~~blocks~~ bricks and the grate panels.

18. (Currently Amended) The exterior floor system of Claim 13, wherein each of said pedestals are fabricated of a heat shearable material, said pedestals being directly affixed in spaced apart relationship onto a non-horizontally level terrace substructure, said pedestals being of non-uniform heights ~~having been sheared to produce top surfaces~~ such that all of the top surfaces of said pedestals are horizontally level with one another to form said coplanar top surfaces and said top surfaces are non-parallel with respect to corresponding pedestal lower surfaces.

19. (Currently Amended) The exterior floor system of Claim 18, wherein said pedestals are affixed to said substructure by means of a polystyrene adhesive.

20. (New) A method of creating an exterior raised load bearing floor system for mounting upon a non level terrace, said method including the steps of:

affixing a plurality of spaced apart support pedestals upon the terrace, said pedestals having coplanar horizontally disposed top surfaces;

mounting a plurality of high strength load bearing grate panels upon the coplanar top surfaces of said pedestals, each of said grate panels having a continuous series of small perforations, said grate panels when mounted being supported at each of its corners upon one of said pedestals and each of said grate panels being in abutting relation to establish a continuous raised load bearing subfloor over said terrace, said subfloor being defined by a top surface having said continuous series of small perforations; and

selectively disposing a plurality of paving blocks onto said top surface of said subfloor, said paving blocks being selectively arrangeable in one of a plurality of interlocking relationships upon said grate panels to establish an upper floor, the area between said pedestals being substantially greater than the surface area of each of said paving blocks wherein each paving brick is evenly supported by a plurality of said perforations of at least one grate panel, said paving blocks being fabricated of a weather impervious material.